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In re Application of  
Zhou Hong; Konstantine I. Iourcha and  
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Application No. 10/052,613  
Filed: January 17, 2002  
For: FIXED-RATE BLOCK-BASED IMAGE  
COMPRESSION WITH INFERRED  
PIXEL VALUES

: OFFICE OF PETITIONS  
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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a).  
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This is in response to the request for reconsideration of "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed September 16, 2002, and supplemented on November 25, 2002.

The petition is **granted**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Konstantine I. Iourcha, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-9200.

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